

Kentucky Postsecondary Education Fact Sheet

McCracken County



General Population Data

	County	State	US
Total population	65,514	4,041,769	281,421,906
Median household income	\$33,865	\$33,672	\$41,994
Percent living in poverty	15.1%	14.3%	11.9%
Percent eligible for Medicaid	15.9%	17.5%	N/A
Estimated percent who do not have medical insurance	12.3%	13.3%	14.2%
Percent of registered voters who voted in the November 2004 election	65.4%	64.7%	88.7%
Unemployment rate 2004	5.3%	5.3%	5.5%

Highest Level of Education

Less than a high school diploma or GED	20.6%	25.8%	20.3%
High school diploma or equivalent	32.9%	33.4%	28.6%
Bachelor's degree or above	16.6%	15.6%	22.3%
Number of additional bachelor's degree holders needed in this county for it to be at the US average			2,861

College Readiness

	County	State
Average ACT Score	21.4	20.9
Percent underprepared in one or more academic subjects	42.1%	48.2%
Percent underprepared in math	29.5%	34.7%
Percent underprepared in English	26.8%	24.5%

Educational Pipeline

Public high school graduates in 2004	577
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments in fiscal 2005	1,682
GEDs awarded in fiscal 2005	29
Number of students from this county who entered postsecondary education in Fall 2004	320
Number of students from this county who earned a bachelor's degree in 2004-05	134

Notes:

Total population, median household income, percent living in poverty, and estimated percent who do not have medical insurance are all from the 2000 US Census.

Percent eligible for Medicaid is based on unpublished 2005 eligibility data from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Medicaid Services, and US census data.

Percent of registered voters who voted in the November 2004 election is from the State Board of Elections.

Unemployment rate 2004 is from the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training.

Employment by Sector information is 2004 data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The self-employed and certain other workers are not included, and some data have been withheld due to BLS confidentiality rules.

Employment by Sector

	County	State
Agriculture, Mining & Other Nat. Resources	22	26,378
Manufacturing & Construction	4,985	346,875
Retail, Wholesale, Transportation & Utilities	10,525	368,755
Finance, Professional & Business Services	5,895	276,576
Education & Health Services	6,613	210,961
Government	4,325	289,987
Leisure, Hospitality and Other Services	5,516	206,240

Undergraduate Enrollments

Institution	Alumni	Fall 2004 Enrollment
University of Kentucky	3,421	256
University of Louisville	269	119
Eastern Kentucky University	138	19
Kentucky State University	22	10
Morehead State University	20	0
Murray State University	3,858	605
Northern Kentucky University	35	9
Western Kentucky University	215	67
Kentucky Comm. & Tech. College System	4,813	2,251
Independent Colleges & Universities	285	150
Total from this county	13,076	3,486

Financial Aid to Students from This County

Financial Aid Type	# Awards	Dollars
Federal Pell Awards	1,596	\$3,716,995
Federal Loans	873	\$4,090,545
Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarships	1,069	\$1,433,027
State Need Based Grants	773	\$983,150

Highest Level of Education information is from the 2000 US Census for those aged 18 and older.

College Readiness information is based on ACT or equivalent scores by 2001 and 2002 high school graduates who entered a Kentucky postsecondary institution in Fall 2002.

Public high school graduates in 2004 is from the Kentucky Department of Education.

Kentucky Adult Education enrollments in fiscal 2005 and GEDs awarded in fiscal 2005 are from Kentucky Adult Education.

Financial Aid to Students information is from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority.

All other information is from the Council on Postsecondary Education.

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